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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S FUND FOR REFUGEES FY 2007 - ZIMBABWE

REF: STATE 0027884

¶1. (U) Per reftel, post submits the following request for Ambassador's Fund for Refugees funding for a project to improve the educational facilities at Tongogara Refugee Camp in Zimbabwe.

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Description of the Service Required  
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¶2. (U) Given the lack of adequate classroom space to accommodate all school age children at the Tongogara Refugee Camp, UNHCR is seeking US\$20,000 in funding to meet the urgent need to expand infrastructure facilities at the camp's primary school. The project includes the construction of two classroom blocks (US\$16,000) and purchase of benches and tables (US\$4,000).

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Justification for this Request  
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¶3. (U) At present, Tongogara Refugee Camp has one primary school accommodating 610 students ) 70 percent from the refugee community and 30 percent from the surrounding local community. Lessons are done in morning and afternoon sessions. There are many instances, however, when new arrivals to the camp during the middle of a term cannot enroll in school due to limited space and must wait for openings in the following term. For those with access to education, facilities are overcrowded and substandard. Building additional classroom facilities will improve enrollment rates and the quality of education.

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Identification of Appropriate Agency  
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¶4. (U) The Inter-Regional Meeting of the Bishops of Southern Africa (IMBISA) organization will be responsible for implementation/ management of the project funds. IMBISA will submit progress and final reports to the U.S. Embassy and UNHCR. UNHCR field based staff will monitor the implementation of the project and submit verification reports to the U.S. Embassy.

¶5. (U) Post has requested a copy of IMBISA's signed code of conduct per requirements set out in paragraph 3 reftel. UNHCR has also offered to provide a copy of its code of conduct.

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Post's Authority to Award Grant  
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¶6. (U) Post certifies that it has the authority and capacity

to award the grant to the intended recipient agency prior to the end of the fiscal year (September 30).

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Contact Information  
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